

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher, Dick Robertson, Ann Johnston, Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Pamela Cottam and 2 members of the public

In attendance: Cllr Nicol, Cllr Braes, Cllr Myles and Cllr McLaren (Angus Council CNP Representative).

Apologies: Nil.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved following correction of a spelling mistake in the Ward Councillors Report (proposed by Gus and seconded by Ken) and will now be posted on the website and sent to Angus Council and the NHW co-ordinator. **Action: Claire**

Gus thanked Cllr Braes for again getting builder's rubble removed which had been fly-tipped at and near the Catherthuns lay-by.

Planning and CNP Report

Copies of the Report (see Attachment 1) had been circulated to the ICC members prior to the meeting and were also e-mailed to the member of the public and Councillors with the log in for the Zoom meeting. Certain points were highlighted and discussed.

New applications

There were no new applications submitted since the February report.

Previous applications requiring comment from the ICC.

Retrospective application for a pitched roof to replace a flat roof at Elm Cottage, Tarfside – Applicant warned that any alterations to the plans as submitted could result in Enforcement action.

Duriehill Development – Application approved for 57 properties including 14 affordable housing.

There was a question raised with Angus Council regarding the Alteration/Installation of French Windows to the first floor of 30 Castle Gardens, Edzell. It was agreed that there was no need for the ICC to comment.

Aberdeenshire

Glendye Windfarm proposal: see www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx. No recent movement on this but a watching brief should be kept.

Cairngorm National Park

No new CNP application call-ins for the ICC area notified. No meetings of the AoCC notified.

Treasurers Report

Opening bank balance £392.28

Closing bank balance **£392.28**

(£359.60 is DNA Money)

Emily McSporran (former ICC Treasurer) has kindly agreed to help Alan with the end of year financial report.

Police Report

Sgt Renilson has now retired, and his replacement is yet to be appointed. There had been no official Police Report submitted to the ICC.

Cairngorm National Park (CNP)

Cllr McLaren who is the Angus Council Representative on the CNP very kindly attended the meeting and spoke about the role of the CNP and his role within it.

He spoke of the CNP plans following lockdown and how it is hoped that the Angus Glens can be better supported by the CNP for the future.

There are plans by the CNP to increase the numbers of Rangers in the CNP areas especially as there is likely to be more people holidaying locally this year. It was suggested that the CNP should discuss a role within Glenesk with Dalhousie Estate. It is difficult for the Glen Doll Rangers to support Glenesk due to the distance apart (by road).

Ken spoke of his concerns again for the campsite at Tarfside and there was a short discussion re: Tarfside toilets. There was a suggestion that there could be a “good-will” donation box attached to the toilets to raise some funds. Cllr Braes will raise this suggestion with the appropriate department at the Council. **Action: Cllr Braes**

Gus thanked Cllr McLaren for his informative talk and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus has contacted the Local Police Chief Superintendent regarding enforcing the 20mph speed limit in Edzell. He stated that the Road Policing Unit concentrated on the A90/A92 as any incidents on these roads are often fatal due to the increased speed limits on these roads. Gus has replied to the Police stating that he did not expect weekly checks but asking for 9 monthly speed checks in the village. It was discussed that there were average speed cameras on the A90 so drivers were already being monitored. It was asked what had happened to the speed cameras which were removed from the A90 before the average speed cameras were installed. Cllr Braes will investigate where the cameras have gone.

Action: Cllr Braes

Flooding at the end of Bonhard Road, Edzell

Hardcore has now been placed on the Bonhard track by Dalhousie Estates and puddles were already appearing. There had been an e-mail from Nature Scotland regarding funding available for Core Paths. Judith had looked into the suitability for Bonhard to receive funding – however as the path is used for vehicular access it does not meet the criteria. Alan suggested that as a lot more people were walking up the Edzell Hill it would be helpful to have a stile installed on the route via Dalbog to get over the fence. Claire will forward the details of the funding to Cllr Myles who will in turn forward to Dalhousie Estates. **Action: Claire/Cllr Myles**

Bonhard will be removed from the Agenda.

Defibrillator Insurance

No update yet.

Weather Mast at Fasque

It is thought that the weather mast has been sited in regard to the proposed Glendye Windfarm. The ICC have already commented on this proposed application. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

Speeding in Little Brechin

It has been agreed at the Communities Committee meeting of Angus Council to make the whole Little Brechin 30mph and to extend the speed boundaries out further both North and South. There is currently no date for the signs to be in place for this change. Cllr Braes had enquired regarding making Little Brechin 20mph but had been informed this change was only for large villages meantime.

A member of the public brought up the concern re: school children having to walk on roads to catch the school bus. There is also no bus set up to coincide with the early finish of schools on a Friday. Cllr Braes informed the meeting that the Police have deemed the road safe for the school children to walk on and has encouraged concerned parents to contact the Education Department at Angus Council directly.

Speeding in Inchbare

A resident reports that the speeding continues and that vehicles are now also not stopping at the temporary traffic lights even though they are red. It was suggested that the resident should video the offending vehicles (if possible) and contact the Police.

Lorries from Geddes Struan Quarry

The resident from Inchbare has continued to keep a detailed report regarding the numbers of Geddes lorries passing through Inchbare. The lorries are also travelling through all day on a Saturday when they should only be transporting quarry extractions to 1300hrs. Gus suggested that the resident contact Geddes again with her data and also copy in Angus Council too. It was agreed that the Liaison Committee being resurrected would be useful. Gus suggested that one of the Local Councillors could chair it. It was voiced by Cllr Braes that this was not possible as all the Councillors were on the Planning Committee and as such this would not be appropriate for them to chair it. Cllr Myles stated that although they could not chair the meeting the Councillors would be happy to attend any meetings of the Liaison Group. Gus asked for Ann to be seconded on to the Liaison Committee as she is the local ICC representative and Ann agreed to this proposal. It was thought that it would be helpful to have the new manager of Dalhousie Estates in attendance too. Gus asked the resident to co-ordinate with Geddes to get the Liaison Group resurrected.

Afternote: Ann has contacted both Geddes and the Inchbare resident to try to close the gap between them ahead of the Liaison Committee being reformed. In this manner she has already made significant progress in bridging the gap.

Westside to Inchbare path

No update from Cllr Myles.

Margie Bridge

The Council deem the repairs to the bridge unnecessary. Gus has contacted the local MSP who has contacted Angus Council and is awaiting a reply.

Signs have been ordered by Angus Council although the ICC is unsure what signs are to be sited.

Afternote: Angus Council have since replied to MSP Mairi Gougeon. They said there are no plans to address the bridge problems and that drivers and cyclists are obliged (under the Highway Code) to drive/cycle according to the road conditions.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Nicol spoke on minor amendments to the route for lines requested by SeaGreen to the windfarm off the Angus Coast in his role on the Development Standards Board. Gus asked if local people would be employed for this development. Cllr Nicol informed the meeting that the Development Standard Board consider planning applications and not employment. Ann expressed disappointment that the work force was being brought from abroad and as such Angus would not benefit. Cllr Myles explained that employment law may not stipulate that the development uses a local workforce. Gus pointed out that Eurowind who had unsuccessfully proposed the Nathro Windfarm, had had discussions with Angus & Dundee College to support Turbine Maintenance training so that local youths, or others seeking retraining, would be qualified to take up jobs on a windfarm.

Post meeting note: Cllr Nicol forwarded a message stating that if anyone wished further information on the matter above then this should be sought from Vivien Smith, Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform at Angus Council.

Cllr Myles stated that Covid infection numbers were down in NHS Tayside area and the vaccination programme is running smoothly and well. He expressed disappointment that the CAT application for BHC was not on the last NHS Tayside Board Meeting Agenda.

Cllr Myles spoke briefly regarding the Duriehill Development and passed on assurances from the developers that the access roads in the village would be upgraded. Alan asked if this would happen before the development commenced and asked re: access through the woods. Cllr Myles confirmed that they were unable to divert the main access road through the wood.

Cllr Braes has been busy with constituency work and talked about the huge job in front of the Council converting their housing to sustainable energy.

Correspondence

The correspondence has been discussed in the Bonhard Report.

Brechin Healthcare Group

Dick gave an update on the Brechin Healthcare Group.

The decision about their CAT application has been delayed by NHS Tayside again. Their application will not be rescheduled for any board meeting meantime which is disappointing for the group.

The BHG are writing to all the local MPs, MSPs, in addition to Scottish

Government ministers involved with Health and Wellbeing for support. Letters have been sent to Mr Grant Archibald CE of NHS Tayside requesting they look at their application with some urgency. They have had great supporting letters from our local councillors which is appreciated.

The BHG accessed the Infirmary buildings last week and regrettably due to water ingress there is significantly more damage since their last inspection. This will mean they will have to raise another large sum of money to have the buildings surveyed again. The last cost to the BHG was £12 000 Meantime they are plodding on with the Jenner Centre, getting busier by the day now that the prospects of the lockdown may be coming to an end and the vaccinations beginning to take effect. Last Friday every room was used with clients being supported by professionals.

The group have no intention of throwing in the towel despite the this set back and there is still fight in the group to carry on with this very worthwhile project.

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Retreat

There has been an advert circulated to employ a curator at the Retreat Museum, Glenesk. The museum will open when Covid restrictions allow. The Trust continue to work on the revised business plan. Alan stressed that as most people would be holidaying at home this year it was important that the Retreat was open as this would be a busy year for local attractions. Cllr Myles

asked that if anyone know of someone who would be willing to run the café at The Retreat then they should contact the Chair of the Trust (Jim Houston).

Next Meeting: No meeting in April

Monday 17th May 2021 1930hrs via Zoom

Attachment 1

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT

Monday 15th March 2021.Submitted by Ken Goddard

This is the planning report for the Inveresk Community Council area, there have been no new applications to report.

Angus Council Planning Decisions are given below.

- #1 20/00896/FULL.
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- #2 20/00422/FULL.
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End of Report.

Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC – 2021

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Date Removed from Agenda</u>
Margie Bridge, Lethnot	<p>Bridge has got several uneven areas on it which has caused accidents to at least 2 cyclists. The Council have assessed the bridge and state the road condition is acceptable.</p> <p>January 2021 - Gus has received a quote for repair of road from Breedons – sent to Roads Dept .</p> <p>February 2021 – Council still maintain surface is adequate and the work unnecessary.</p> <p>Letter sent from MSP to Council in March 2021 – Council maintain road surface adequate.</p>	<p>October 2020. Returned to Agenda January 2021 with quote.</p> <p>Removed from Agenda-February 2021.</p>
BT line overhanging the river at the Shakin Brig	<p>BT and MSP contacted to get line removed as it is an eyesore at a local beauty site and is likely to be washed away when the river is in spate. Reviewed by BT engineers in February 2021 and awaiting decision whether to insert higher poles or re-route.</p>	<p>February 2021</p>